

Thanks to landowners and stakeholders, the Camp Creek Project experienced another successful year in 2007; the following practices were completed in the Camp Creek Watershed: 2 Farm Pond/ Grade Stabilization Structures, 8 Water and Sediment Control Basins, Pasture Management on 277 acres, and 67 acres of Nutrient Management. Combined these practices will prevent an estimated 116 tons of sediment from reaching Camp Creek annually. Some highlights of the remaining fall and next year's construction season include a Pool and Riffle Structure Project (very similar to the structures implemented in Thomas Mitchell Park) located on the South end of Metro Waste Authority's property, and an all concrete Manure Settling Basin, located near a major tributary's confluence with Camp Creek.

The Project is currently funded through June of 2008. During that time, extra state cost share is available in addition to existing federal cost share, for Grade Stabilization Structures, Water and Sediment Control Basins, Pool and Riffle Structures, Timber Stand Improvement, and Pasture Management Projects.

A change of leadership occurred in 2007, Tim Terrill was replaced by Brandon Dittman who joined us via the Iowa DNR. Brandon had been a technical advisor for the Camp Creek Project, his familiarity with it has helped to smooth the transition to his new position.

An informational gathering was held in June at the Community Building in Mitchellville to update stakeholders on the progress of the project. There was a nice turnout of around 35 people to the catered event.

A Pasture Management Field Day took place at Mike Sweeney and John Olmstead farms' in July highlighting the accomplishments of their respective projects (see <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/IA/news/SweeneyOlmstead.pdf>), around 40 folks attended. Curtis Perry from Heartland Coop in Mitchellville volunteered to grill a hearty lunch for all the participants. Grazing and hay management specialists, Brian Petersen from NRCS and Joe Sellers from ISU Extension were in attendance to answer questions and talk about new watering technology including frost free nose pumps tied into existing tile lines and a solar panel pump for livestock operations.